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## HIGHLIGHTS

The Student Assistant Center and the Financial Aid office will conduct free workshops to assist students in filling out 1997-98 financial aid forms in the cafeteria conference room Feb. 18 from 1-2:30 p.m. and Feb. 24 from 5-6:30 p.m.

Avoid Math 115 by examination. Get 15 out of 30 correct on the math competency exam and meet the math requirement for an AA degree. The next exams are Feb. 27 and March 4 in the Administration Building, room 126. No appointment is necessary.

The Feinstein Foundation, "Enriching America," is offering \$200,000 in cash awards to students for community service projects of their own choosing. Visit the Student Services office, room 100A of the Campus Center for more information. The deadline is April 1.

The Math Lab is open to all students and offers tutoring, computer tutorials and videos. The lab is located in Room 106 of the Math Science Building and is open Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday 5-8 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Applications for student trustee for the L.A. Community College District board of trustees are available in room 100 of the Campus Center. The deadline for application is Feb. 27. Call (818) 781-1200, ext. 243 for more information.

The Valley College Music Department Campus Concert series will present classical guitarist Harold Micay Feb. 13 at 11 a.m. in the Music Recital Hall. The John Stephens and Blue Visions Jazz Quartet will be presented Feb. 20 at 11 a.m. in Music Room 112.

Scholarships for gay, lesbian and bisexual students are available through the Student Services office, including the Uncommon Legacy Foundation, Inc. scholarship for \$1,000. The deadline is May 1. Call (818) 781-1200, ext. 243 for more information.

The Spring 1997 Lunchtime Counseling Workshop series will include the "Hispanic Association Summer Internship Program and Navy Scholarships" workshop Feb. 18 and the "How to Select a Career" workshop Feb. 25. The workshops are held Tuesday 12-1 p.m. in room 102 of the Foreign Language Building.

Representatives from the following four-year colleges and universities will be on campus and available to meet with prospective transfer students: CSUN: Feb. 18, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the cafeteria and Feb. 25, 4-7 p.m. in the Transfer Center; UCLA: Feb. 27, 1:30-3 p.m. in the Transfer Center; Occidental: Feb. 20, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Monarch Square; University of Judaism: Feb. 20, 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. by appointment only in the Transfer Center. For more information and individual appointment times available, call (818) 781-1200, ext. 332.

## Stake Out Nabs Criminal

By LINDA E. THOMAS  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Valley College police force, including student police workers, engaged in a campus-wide stake out operation last week that led to the arrest of a wanted criminal with \$100,000 in outstanding warrants.

Officer Michael Habicht masterminded the operation. He deployed and supervised sworn personnel and student workers Feb. 5 at 9 a.m. in various strategic locations throughout the campus to catch the criminal that was causing the epidemic of auto-related thefts that have hit campus since the beginning of the semester.

"Basically, in a seven day period, there were approximately 13 car burglaries and four grand theft autos," Habicht said. The method of operation was by screwdriver to pop the car lock.

"We saturated the parking lots with uniformed officers and student police workers in yellow jackets. Apparently, they knew our method of operation and when we went on our lunch break Tuesday [Feb. 4], we had two hits. So, we decided this is a professional per-

son working our lots," Habicht said.

Habicht said that the continued high visibility patrol had not been successful in preventing the criminal activity on campus parking lots and that he decided an aggressive undercover operation was necessary.

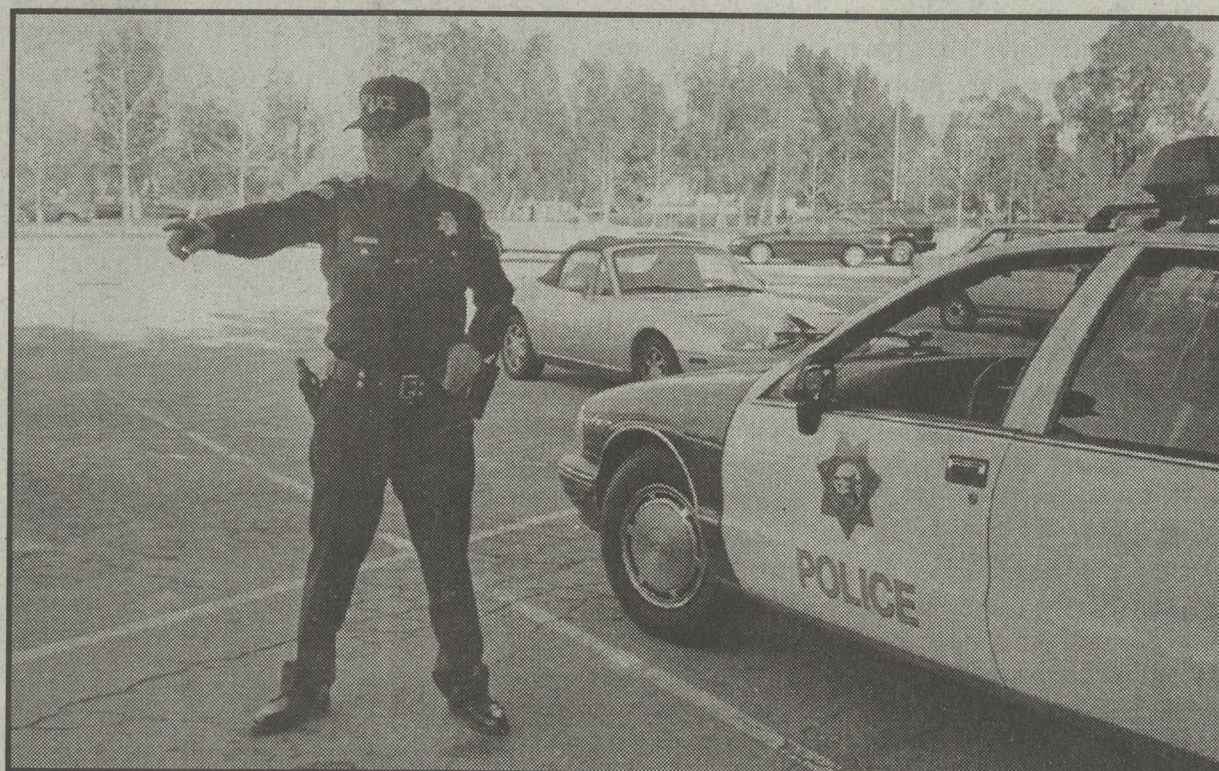
"We bumped up our patrols and it didn't do it, so we had to take more action," Officer Jeffrey Heier said.

Habicht said that it was a diversionary tactic. Student police workers wearing yellow jackets were placed in all of the parking lots except one, where officers and student police worker Mike Levin were undercover.

During the operation, drivers who drove a vehicle through a campus lot without parking were suspect, as well as pedestrians with suspicious behavior, such as looking into cars, Heier said.

"People are creatures of habit. They thought it was shopping day at Nordstroms and we just can't have that," Habicht said.

At approximately 11:50 a.m. Feb. 5, an undercover plain-clothed stake out officer observed an automobile fitting a grand theft



Officer Michael Habicht points out where the criminal was caught during the stake out in Lot G.

description enter parking lot G. The driver of the vehicle parked the car and was observed looking into another car and testing it for an alarm, Heier said.

"He put his foot on the bumper of a car and bounced it up and down. Criminals do this to test for a car alarm while they are pretending to tie their shoe," Heier

said. The officers discussed the suspects and determined that their behavior warranted probable cause to detain the two men, Heier said. The two men were immediately secured at gun point by Habicht, Heier and Officer Frank Dallas.

"Fortunately, we were at the

right place at the right time," Habicht said.

The suspects were unarmed on their person, however they did have a weapon, a four inch fold-out knife in the suspect vehicle, Heier said.

Gun point was relieved once the detention of the suspects was secured.

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## LAVC Welcomes New Jobs Office

By LIZ RODRIGUEZ  
STAR REPORTER

Valley College welcomed the new Employment Development Department office at a ribbon-cutting grand opening ceremony Tuesday outside Bungalow 48.

The EDD office is a new addition to the Job Resource Center, which includes cooperative education, financial aid, GAIN, JTPA and tech preparation.

The EDD office has been technically open since December, however, the ceremony was to officially open the EDD office and make students and community businesses aware that the office is open for business and ready to help them.

In addition to cutting the ribbon, the ceremony included a welcome speech from Valley College President Tyree Wieder. JTPA Director Lennie Cufo, Valley College alumnus Flip Smith and EDD manager Joan Dix thanked sup-

porters. Councilman Michael Feuer's representative Undine Petrulis and Mayor Richard Riordan's representative Steven Parker attended to show their support for the program.

The Western Bagel company showed their support by donating bagels and cream cheese for the guests.

Student attendance was low at the ceremony, but faculty and staff were encouraged to visit.

A representative from the EDD office said that they hope that having an office on campus will make finding a job for students a number one priority.

"I am very excited. This will let the business community know EDD is here to help them," Wieder said.

EDD is a federally funded program which assists people in finding jobs statewide and generally helps California residents.

EDD has two basic purposes.

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Valley College President Tyree Wieder cuts the ribbon at the grand opening ceremony for the new EDD office.

## Clinton Calls for Education Action

By LINDA E. THOMAS  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

President Clinton issued a call to action last week in his State of the Union Address to strengthen education in America.

Education was the primary focus of the president's address.

"The greatest step of all, the high threshold of the future we must now cross and my number one priority for the next four years is to ensure all Americans have the best education in the world," Clinton announced.

Clinton called for every 8-year-old to be able to read, every 12-year-old to be able to log on the Internet, every 18-year-old to be able to go to college and for every adult American to be able to keep on learning for a lifetime.

"We face no imminent threat, but we do have an enemy. The enemy of our time is inaction."

Clinton said.

The president made ten proposals to improve education on nearly all levels, from infancy to college and life-long learning.

The third of the president's proposals was to take more aggressive action to teach children to read. Clinton reported that 40 percent of the nation's 8-year-olds cannot read on their own, and he is, therefore, launching the America Reads Initiative which proposes 1,000,000 volunteer tutors.

"We want at least 100,000 college students to help," Clinton said. Presidents from 60 colleges from around the nation have already pledged work study students to serve as reading tutors.

In his sixth proposal, Clinton said, "Character education must be taught in our schools. We must teach our children to be good citi-

zens." He called communities to promote order and discipline and to impose curfew and truancy laws with a "zero tolerance for guns and drugs in school."

The most significant proposals to community colleges in Clinton's education plan were the eighth and ninth.

In the eighth proposal: "We must make the 13th and 14th years of education, at least two years of college, just as universal in America by the 21st century as a high school education is today. We must open the doors of college to all Americans," Clinton said.

To do that, Clinton proposed: two years of \$1,500 in tax credits for college tuition, enough to pay for the typical community college, Clinton said; up to \$10,000 a year in tax deductions for all tuition after high school; an expanded IRA

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Valley student John LiPera watches the State of the Union Address for an assignment in his mass communications class.



## Education Call to Action

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with tax-free withdrawal for education; and, the largest increase in Pell Grant scholarships in 20 years.

"This plan will give most families the ability to pay no taxes on money they save for college tuition," Clinton said. "I ask you to pass it and give every American who works hard the chance to go to college."

In his ninth proposal, Clinton expressed the desire to give all people, regardless of their age, the chance to learn new skills.

"In the 21st century, we must expand the frontiers of learning across a lifetime," Clinton said. "Most Americans live near a community college and the roads that take them there can be paths to a better future."

Clinton proposed transforming the tangle of federal programs into a simple Skill Grant that would go directly in the hands of an eligible worker.

"Let's give more of our workers the ability to learn and to learn for a lifetime," Clinton said.

In his tenth proposal, Clinton said that we must bring the power of the information age into all of our schools and challenged America to connect every school to the Internet by the year 2,000. Clinton reported that for the first time in history, the poorest in the most remote areas could "have access to the same universe of knowledge."

Clinton said that the Internet is the "new town square" of the nation and that a computer in every home has become a necessity.

Although Clinton said it was unusual for a president to pay so much attention to education, he said that we as a nation must understand the significance and im-

portance of his endeavors.

"Now, I ask you and I ask all our nation's governors; I ask parents, teachers and citizens all across America for a new non-partisan commitment to education. Because education is a critical national security issue for our future and politics must stop at the school house door," Clinton concluded.

Valley College mass communication students were offered extra credit for viewing and analyzing the president's address.

In response to the address, Valley student Sherri Melillo said, "They seem like worthwhile ideas. However, I will reserve judgment until I see the application of his principles. I fear the federal government will be too involved in pushing an agenda in our schools that many parents would not support, but I am in support of national standards for reading and math, increasing literacy and encouraging post-secondary education and life-long learning."

Valley student John LiPera said that he thought that testing students for reading and math as well as college students tutoring children in reading were excellent ideas. "Increasing Pell Grant scholarships is a great step in the right direction and a \$1,500 a year tax credit for the first two years of college is a great step forward," LiPera said.

"It made me nervous when the president said that character education must be taught in schools. Character should be taught in the home - it is the job of parents," Melillo added. "Secondly, I find it ironic for the president to speak about character, considering the scandals surrounding him and his administration. While he presents himself as a man of character and integrity, I do not believe he is."



From the top, Kristin Calabrese, Holly Prevost and Johanna Denis sharpen their skills for their Reader's Theater speech for the upcoming Championship Tournament at Valley College.

Valley College will host the PSCFA Spring Championship Speech Tournament Feb. 28 and March 1-2.

College speech teams from 11 western states, including California, Nevada, Utah and Arizona will compete in over a dozen separate events.

Participating Students choose which events they will compete in and choose their own speeches according to the category.

Team events will begin Feb. 28 and individual events will be held March 1-2. The award ceremony will be held the evening of March 2.

Valley College offered to host the Spring Championship this year, one of four tournaments held throughout the year.

The tournament is open to the public and no fee is charged.

Approximately 20 students from Valley College will compete.

## Police Stake Out

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cured. "It went down like a TV show. It was beautiful," Habicht said.

After taking the two suspects into handcuffed custody at the Campus Police Station, campus police ran warrant information on the suspects and found that the driver, Jose Soriano, had warrants totaling \$100,000 from LAPD, Burbank PD and Santa Clarita PD, Habicht said.

Jose Soriano, a 24-year-old Hispanic male, was arrested on his warrant violations. He was not a student. The other suspect was released without arrest.

Soriano was handcuffed to the holding bench in the Campus Police Station and taken into custody by the LAPD at approximately 2 p.m. Feb. 5.

Habicht said that the man that was arrested is a professional thief. "He has a prior criminal convictions of receiving stolen property and burglary," Habicht said. The vehicle that Soriano was

driving was confiscated on Vehicle Code violations, including that Soriano did not have a driver's license, Heier said.

"We have high probability that he was the one who was committing the other crimes because all of the car burglaries have stopped," Caption Karl Traber said. "He's obviously a crook. We hope the word gets around, 'Stay away from Valley.'"

There are seven parking lots on campus and only two or three officers patrolling at any given time.

"When normal patrol is not effective enough, undercover stake out operations are implemented," Traber said.

"The problem with undercover is it takes all our resources and takes some out of uniform," Traber said. "We don't do it too often because a problem doesn't usually get this far."

There are two patrol cars and seven parking lots. There are a total of ten officers and several student police workers. The officers do more than patrol, they also take theft reports, injury re-

ports, investigate student disputes and handle emergency notifications, Traber said.

The student police workers cannot take action, but they are in radio contact with the campus police at all times. "They are the eyes and ears of the police. They see and hear and let us know," Traber said.

Habicht said that the LAPD had been given all crime report information regarding the prior auto burglaries and thefts to follow up.

"We haven't had one hit since last Wednesday [Feb. 5]," Habicht said.

Police Dispatcher Nora Horwich and Police Student Workers Mike Levin, Kimberly Ware, Jessica Dollarhide, Liana Vaganyan, Cindy De Sa Valente, Juan Torossian and Jessica Carey participated in the stake out operation.

Habicht, who has 36 years of law enforcement experience said, "All were instrumental in a team effort to bring in the criminal." Dallas has 45 years of law en-

## EDD Opens

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One purpose is to provide services to find work, match people with jobs that fit their skill and recruit workers.

The second purpose is to provide special programs. One of these is the veteran services program to help veterans find jobs. Veteran services representative James Haggard is at the EDD office on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Veterans who wish to visit the EDD do not need an appointment.

"EDD, overall, is to get people employed and stay employed," Dix said. "We're very well equipped to help people in training." Dix said she believes that EDD will greatly help college students.

The office is open Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.-4 p.m. in Bungalow 48.

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forcement experience, Heier has two years and Levin, the student worker who went undercover in lot G, has about two weeks, Habicht said.

"There are 380 years of law enforcement experience between the 10 officers and the captain," Habicht said. "It's a variety of experience. What one officer doesn't know, another one will."

Officer Habicht warns Valley College students and staff to remove all valuables from their vehicles, leave them at home or put them in the trunk. He requests that any suspicious behavior be reported immediately by dialing #30 on any pay phone on campus. It is a free call. Student police workers wear marked yellow jackets and the Campus Police Station is located at Bungalow 59.

"This is the safest 105 acres in the valley right now," Habicht said.

Students interested in becoming a student police worker may obtain an application from the Campus Police Station in Bungalow 59.

## Attention: Artists and Photographers!

The "Crown" magazine, the on-campus news/feature publication published every spring at Valley College, is looking for artists and photographers.

"We would like to see student designs for our back cover," Crown Editor Monica Lid said.

In addition, "Crown" is seeking artists to do interior designs, illustrating stories.

"We're looking for very bold, innovative pictures in black and white, photos or art," Lid added.

This semester's theme is "reaching," which can be used in a variety of interpretations.

The deadline for the back cover illustration is March 5.

Entries may be submitted to the "Valley Star" office in Room 114 of the Business Journalism Building or mailed to the "Crown" at 5800 Fulton Avenue, Van Nuys, California 91401.

All work must be signed with student identification number and a contact phone number attached.

"We're hoping to see student work of all kinds," Lid said.

The magazine will be available in late April.

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## Cupid's Arrow Strikes Jerry Maguire

By LIZ BARRETT  
STAR STAFF REPORTER

This year's hit comedy "Jerry Maguire" is a sports movie, buddy movie and a romance all rolled into one.

Tom Cruise plays one of his best roles yet and wins himself a Golden Globe for Best Performance by an Actor in a Comedy or Musical.

The screen lights up with laughter and romance when Cruise, Cuba Gooding, Jr. and Renee Zellweger come together in this hit romantic comedy. Each actor added their own special flair to the film and helped to make it one of my favorites for 1997.

One minute I was on the floor laughing hysterically and the next, wiping the tears from my eyes. This is truly a film for all ages, and a perfect one for Valentine's Day!

Cruise plays Jerry Maguire, a smooth-talking sports agent who will say and do anything to represent a top player. He has mastered the art of "working a room" and his list of promises is a mile long.

One night, Maguire has an awakening, a sudden awareness of the mess his life has become. He comes to the realization that he is just another "shark in a suit."

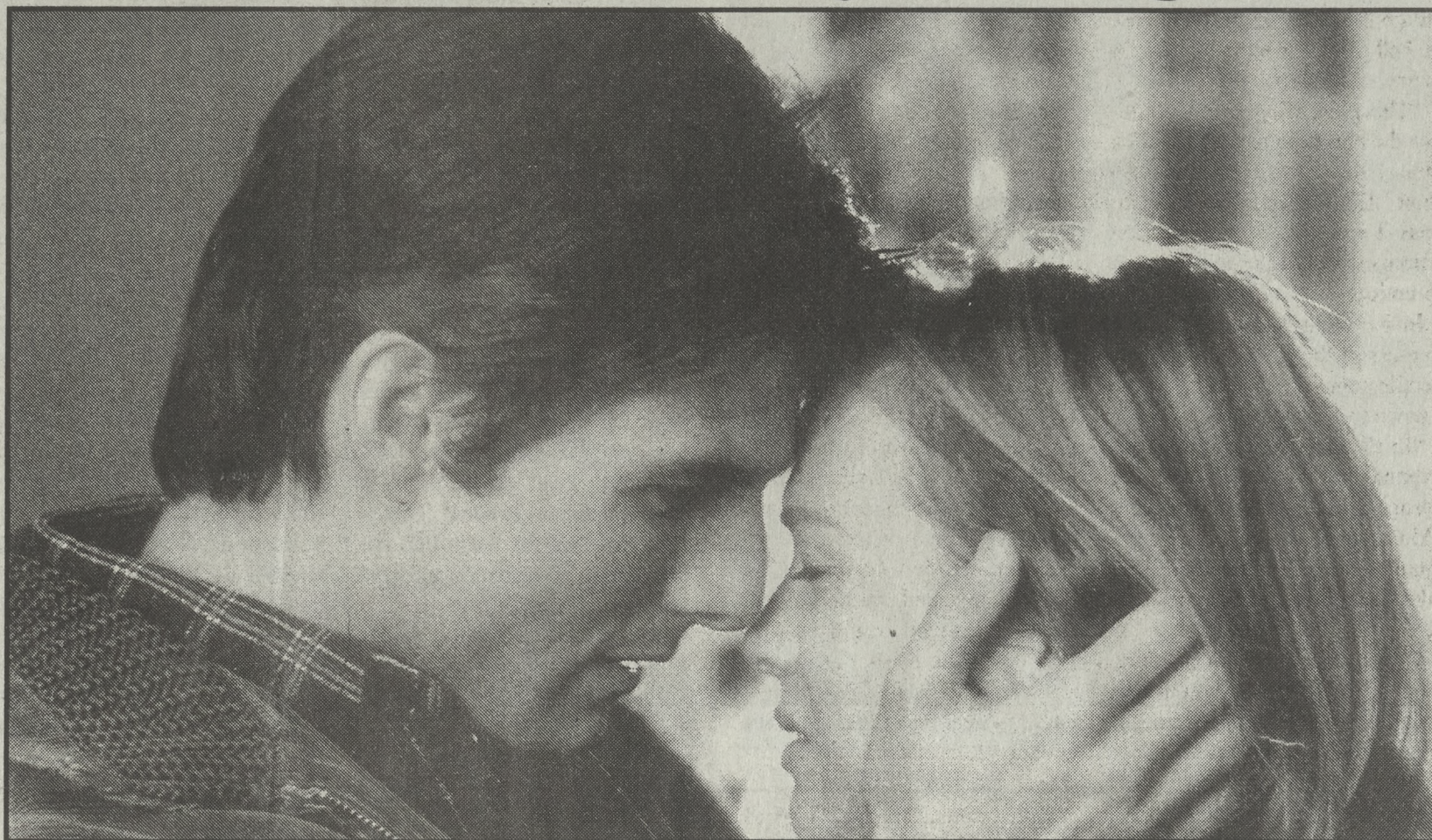
His whole life is focused around getting more clients and more money. He had never considered, until that night, that the focus should be on more personal attention for his clients, and less money for himself.

Maguire sets out to write a mission statement. When he is through with hours of writing, he titles it, "The Things We Think and Do Not Say: The Future of Our Business."

He distributes his mission statement throughout the office the following morning and is commended and applauded by his co-workers for the well-written memo. However, soon afterward, Maguire's forward thinking is not appreciated. He is fired from Sports Management International, who is not interested in his plan. Within ten minutes, he went from receiving 264 phone calls a day, to zero.

Maguire is determined to start his own business and tries to bring some of his clients with him. After calling everyone in his rolodex, he is left with only one client, Rod Tidwell, a wide receiver in the last year of his contract with the NFL's Arizona Cardinals, played by Gooding.

Maguire then asks if anyone in the office wants to leave the com-



Jerry Maguire (Tom Cruise) and Dorothy Boyd (Renee Zellweger) form an unlikely bond when Dorothy decides to help him rebuild his life.

pany with him. An accountant, Dorothy, played by Zellweger, is so inspired by his mission statement that she decides to go with him.

Dorothy is a single mother with an adorable, scene-stealing son, Ray, played by Jonathan Lipnicki.

Maguire and Ray seem to connect immediately, as do Maguire and Dorothy.

Things are very tough to start, but somehow they keep the business afloat, even with only one client.

As the movie progresses,

Tidwell and Maguire become very close friends and Dorothy and Maguire become very good companions. Dorothy soon finds herself falling in love with Maguire, despite the disapproval of her sister, Laurel, played by Bonnie Hunt.

Maguire had said "I love you" to so many people over the years, it had lost its meaning, until he met Dorothy and Ray.

So, it turned out that Maguire's mission statement got him a lot more than he was asking for, including the love of his life.

## Dear Ali:

By ALICE GARABEDIAN  
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Dear Ali,

I am so confused about what to do. I've been dating this guy, Mr. L, for over a month now, and I thought I liked him a lot. But, as time goes by, it's been unbearable to even speak with him. He is a year older than I am, but it feels like he's 10 years younger than I am.

I also started seeing someone else, Mr. J. L. knows about him, but we are not committed to each other. We are allowed to see other people.

J is two years older than L. I'm not in love with either one, but I think I'm more physically attracted to J than L.

L and J are not my only problem. There's this other guy in one of my classes, Mr. M. He's not like the other two.

On Friday, he asked me to be his girlfriend and we hadn't even been on a date yet, just a few lunch get-togethers after class. I said no. I still have to deal with L before I rush into a relationship with M.

I don't want to hurt L, but I think he's completely hooked on me. What bothers me about L is that he tries too hard to impress people. When he met my friends, he was always trying to get their attention, and mine. They thought

he was a "dork," their exact word.

Now, this other guy, Mr. O, asked me out Friday, too. I couldn't believe it. It always seems that when I'm in a relationship, or I'm dating one person, I start meeting other guys. It's like they are more attracted to a girl when they have a boyfriend or when they are seeing someone else.

When I'm not seeing anyone, I never meet guys. I don't understand why it all has to come at me at once. It's really frustrating.

I have talked to my friends about this, and all they can tell me to do is to dump L, now. It will only be harder if I let this drag on, which I already know. But, it's easy to say and not so easy to do. I really need your advice. Please help.

Signed,  
Confused and Frustrated

Dear Confused and Frustrated:

What you need to do right now is decide what you really want. What do you want from Mr. L? If you want him to change and act his age, all you can do is tell him you don't like the way he acts. But, it's hard and unfair to try and change someone because you're not happy. He may be happy just the way he is.

I think you need some time away from him, to see if you still feel the same way you did the first

time you met him. When you find what you want, make sure it isn't because of what your friends say about him or because of all of these other guys that are after you. Make a decision that is right for you and makes you happy, not what makes others happy.

As for Mr. J, M and O, don't lead them on. Make sure they know you are still with someone, and before anything can happen, you have to decide what you are going to do with Mr. L. Be honest, and if the truth hurts, so be it.

You can't please all of the people all of the time. Do what makes you, and you alone, happy. Never have any regrets. It's the worst thing in life to always think, "What if I didn't dump him?" If you have those regrets, you will never be truly happy.

I wish you luck with your problem and hope I helped. If you need more advice, write me again. Take care, and no regrets.

Signed,  
Dear Ali

If you have a problem and you think Dear Ali could help, just drop your questions marked "Valley Star" with the mailroom in the Administration Building. Please do not sign your real name. This is purely for entertainment purposes.

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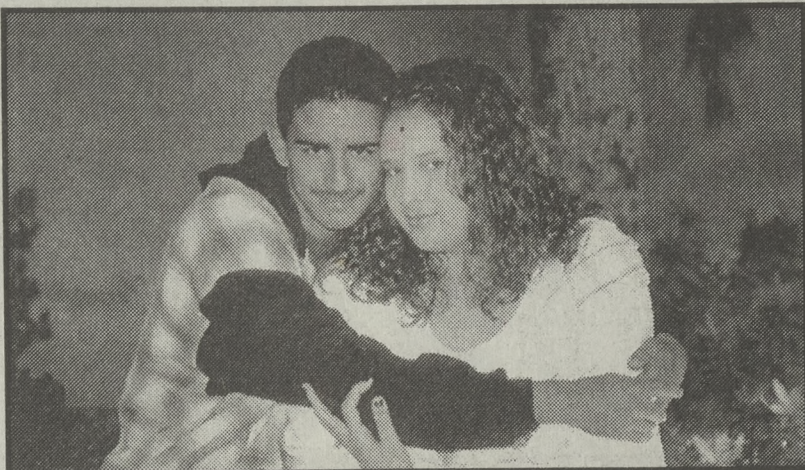
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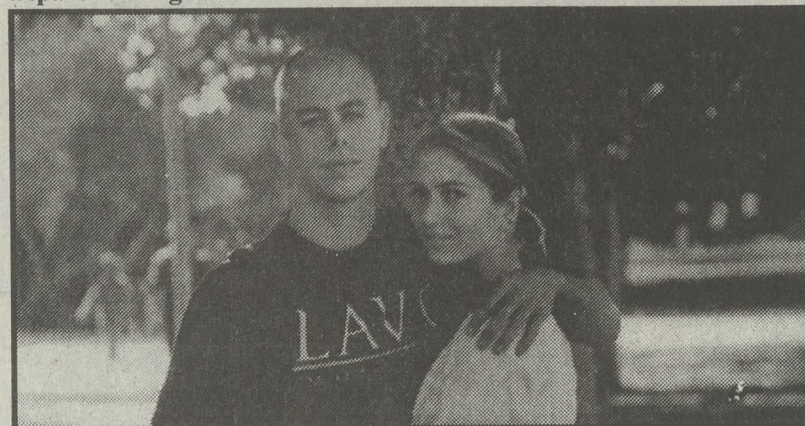
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Rene Bernac and Pamela De Broeck are spending this Valentine's at a spa for the night.



Stefano Flynn and Colleen Bloch will be enjoying their Valentine's at the Spaghetti Factory.

## All Dressed Up and Nowhere to Go Valentine's Plan Book

By ALICE GARABEDIAN  
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Tomorrow is Valentine's Day and you forgot to make plans for the evening. That one restaurant your sweetheart has been hinting about for months to go to on that special day needs reservations three weeks in advance, and you would need to save your paycheck for three months just to afford it. What do you do?

The greatest gift you can give to anyone, is that which comes from the heart. Something personal and romantic. Nothing says "I Love You" more than a candlelit dinner at home. This is an alternative for those that are low on cash, imagination and have transportation problems.

Decorate the room or house with candles, flowers and incense. Fill the house with the wonderful aroma of homemade food, any-

thing simple and easy to make.

Candles are a nice touch and can be found at Spencer's Gifts or Hot Topic in the Northridge Mall.

Spencer's Gifts also offers a variety of teddy bears that range in prices from \$24-\$35.99, chocolates from \$7.99-\$10.99 and boxer shorts with a variety of designs like hearts, for \$14.99.

Your valentine would love a dozen red roses with a sentimental and funny Shoebox card from Hallmark.

Another idea is a picnic in the park, in your backyard or in your home, which is private as well as romantic. Bring champagne, homemade food and a filling cheesecake that says "I Love You." Decorate with candles and fancy napkins.

For those who want to go out on the town, the Spaghetti Factory on Sunset in Hollywood has

a wonderful selection of delicious Italian foods.

"Spaghetti and ravioli with marinara sauce, salad with pesto dressing and a spamoni ice cream for dessert is their best plate on the menu." Valley student Stefano Bloch said. Bloch has been dating Valley student Colleen Flynn for a year now.

Aculpulco, a very well known Mexican restaurant, is a little on the expensive side, but well worth it.

If this year you want to splurge and go all out, pick up your valentine and take her out to the Moonlight Tango Cafe, located at 13730 Ventura Boulevard in Sherman Oaks. Rated in the top 50 restaurants by American Express, it has a 1940's atmosphere and music to dance the night away.

Moonlight highly recommends the fillet mignon, pesto and gumbo. It offers a full bar and a dance

floor to tango on. It is L.A.'s only Hollywood Era supper club. Prices start at \$15 per person. For reservations call (818) 788-2000; Calling a day in advance is recommended.

After dinner, end the night with a movie.

One that is coming out this Valentine's is "Fool's Rush In," starring Matthew Perry of "Friends," and Salma Hayek from the movie "Desperado." This romantic comedy is about two people that meet, fall in love and get married right away. Then they have to deal with everyday life and family acceptance. A great film for the holiday.

Show the one you love how much you care. You don't need to spend a lot of money to say "I Love You." Treat your Valentine with respect, show consideration and love, and you will have a night to remember, for always.

## The Two Sides Of Valentine's Day

### HIS



### HERS

By BEN ALTER  
STAR REPORTER

What is it that men really want for Valentine's Day? Most men are probably thinking men want sex, sex, sex and guess what else, more sex.

That's just not true.

The average man just wants to be appreciated. He doesn't need to prove he's a real man because he knows he's a real man.

He doesn't want to go see his girlfriend, walk in the door and hear, "where is my present." Even worse, is when a guy gives his girlfriend a nice gift and all he gets is an uncomfortable silence because the gift isn't as expensive as she wanted it to be. Oh yeah! That's right, he only wants sex anyway.

Well ladies, 40 different guys at Valley College were surveyed. Guess what, sex was in the back of most of their minds,

way back.

All but three of the guys said the first and most important thing about V-Day was to show their ladies that the love is there.

The most popular thing that they said they were going to do on Feb. 14, was cook a nice dinner. "I'm thinking of just staying home, renting a nice movie and making her a real nice dinner, maybe lobster or shrimp," one guy said.

"I'm going to take her to a special dinner, then we'll go for a walk in the park and finish the night off with a mutual massage," another guy said.

What about those three guys mentioned earlier? Well, one of them is just planning a night of wild sex and the other two weren't planning anything.

"Valentine's day is just another day to me, I show my wife love everyday of the year and I don't need some stupid holiday to show her," one of those two guys said. Those aren't bad odds. Only 7.5

percent of the guys weren't planning anything special.

Now, about the ones who feel that they have to spend a lot of money there were only six of them, and five don't even have girlfriends.

"I plan on taking my lady in a limo out to an expensive restaurant, which one I haven't decided yet, but I will," the one with a girlfriend said. "After dinner I'm going to give her a three-karat marquis diamond." There went his paychecks for the next two years.

Girls, get with the picture. Don't look down on a guy just because the dinner he made for you wasn't a gourmet meal that cost \$300. Who cares that he only got you a dozen roses and a card instead of a \$500 piece of jewelry.

The average guy just wants to get through the holiday knowing that you appreciate him and what he did for you.

Oh yeah! He also wants to get by without spending his paychecks for the next three years.

By JOYE GEERTSEN  
ASST. ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

To say that I can speak for all women and voice their desires on Valentine's Day would be misleading, not to mention impossible. Instead, I will pass along what I believe Valentine's Day means and what shouldn't be expected.

Most of the women I spoke with voiced their desire for romance, sentiment and, of course, the material. I haven't accidentally overlooked sex. No one I spoke with even mentioned it. Actually, none of the women I spoke with claimed to want more than a card or maybe some flowers.

We all seemed in agreement about thoughtfulness and appreciation. That's what this day is about, isn't it? Reminding your sweetheart that she is special and dear to you. In this hectic city and crazy times, you took the time out to think of her, to appreciate her.

With money and expensive gifts not even making the top five, then who are these men who are going into hock to provide for? I don't expect a gift that comes attached to a two-year payment plan on any holiday, certainly not Valentine's Day.

Although none of the women I spoke with copped to wanting more, everyone said they have a friend that is expecting and anticipating more. Please excuse me if you are that gal, but what a lousy way to celebrate your relationship: setting a near impossible task for your lover, wanting him to prove his devotion and its extent by the size of the gemstone. That's not romance, people, I believe we call that greed.

Most people agree that your boyfriend's financial worth is some way to gauge the amount of money he should spend on you. That's up to you. But, speaking for me, I would rather have a carefully selected little something

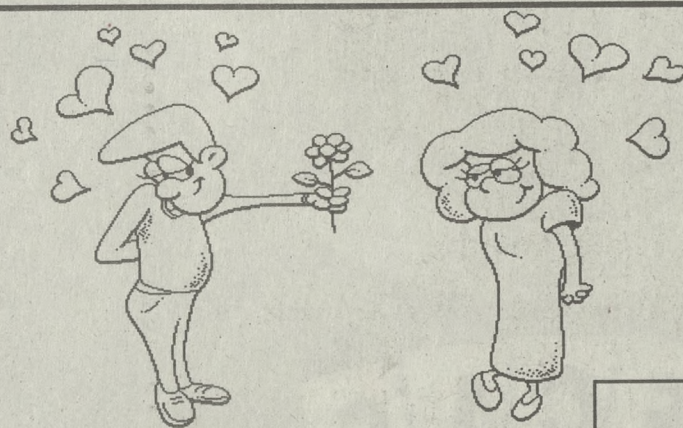
rather than an expensive gift that is as impersonal as a hastily chosen piece of jewelry or a gift he is straining to provide.

I also don't subscribe to the "she's got everything already" excuse. True, some women are easier to shop for than others, but no one has everything.

Here's a few ideas: Does she have a recent photo of you, or the both of you? Instead of a cut bouquet, try giving her bulbs to plant herself, or seeds that will bloom later and last longer. If you're really strapped for cash, heck, wash her car, rent her favorite movie or fill her bath with bubbles.

I saw an ad that read, "Chocolate says Happy Valentine's Day - but diamonds say I love you." What that says to me is two eyes with "\$" signs in them.

Show her you love her everyday, including Feb. 14. In your own voice, tell her she is special and you want her to "be mine."



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John,  
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Love, Linda

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*Vanessa & Mike  
Happy Valentine's  
Day! Alice*

JCM: I'm looking forward to a  
romantic romp on the beach with  
you! Aloha!

*Monica,  
Thanks For Everything.  
You're the best!  
Kelli*



## Love Notes...



# HOLLYWOOD

# Valentines

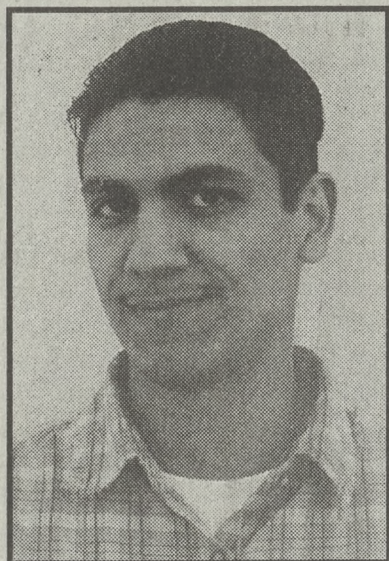
Valley College students were asked who their fantasy celebrity Valentine was:



**Anna Burnside**  
Major: English  
"Brad Pitt, he's hot, he's a good actor."



**Connie Cortez**  
Major: Undecided  
"Johnny Depp, he's really good looking. I don't know him so that's all."



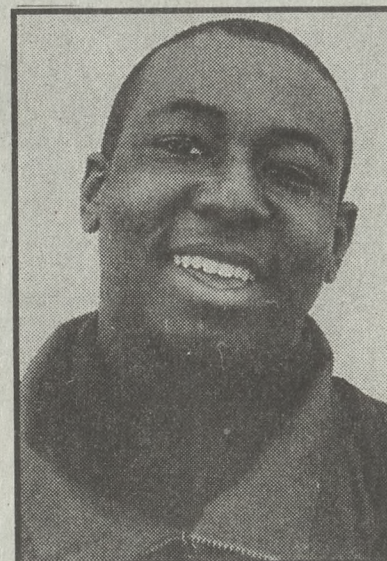
**Dave Ramirez**  
Major: Undecided  
"Cindy Crawford, she's beautiful and she seems like she can take care of herself. She knows what she wants."



**Natalie Usquiano**  
Major: Sociology  
"Antonio Sabato Jr., because he has a baby face. He's really good looking."



**Selina Goldthreath**  
Major: Journalism  
"Bizzy Bone, from Bone Thugs 'n Harmony, because he's cute and I like his music."



**Malcom Alvarez**  
Major: Undecided  
"Maia Campbell, she's fine. That's it, she's just fine."

Photo survey by JOHN TARR

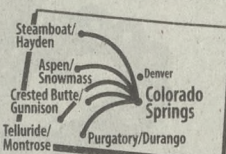
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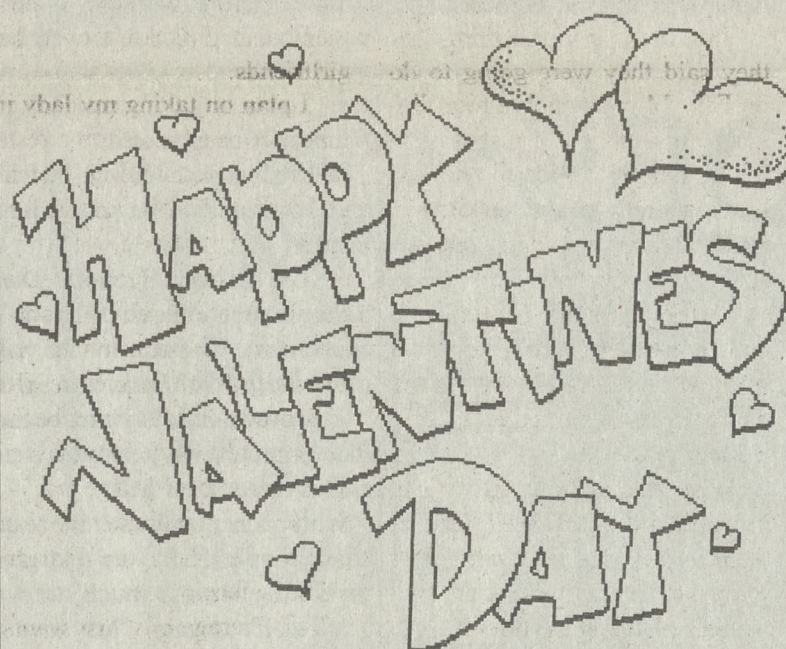
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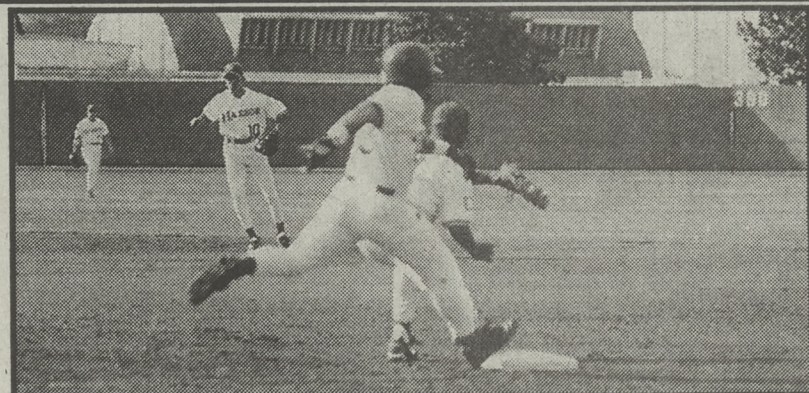


# SPORTS

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Valley Star

## PLAY BALL!



He's safe! Valley player makes it to first base. James Hughes/Valley Star

### Baseball Team is Potentially Awesome

By ALLEN COCHRANE  
STAR REPORTER

The Valley Monarch baseball team has already shown one thing we can rely on for the 1997 season: power and production at the plate. It will surely be part of this season's status quo. They hit the long ball, they hit for average and they're going to drive in runs.

Head Coach Chris Johnson and his assistants have the enviable task of directing an offense that, even at this early stage, has proven beyond any doubt will swing the lumber.

"We are looking really good," Johnson said about his team's hitting ability. "Potentially we're awesome, taking everything in view."

Johnson is very excited about the middle of his batting order: Ed Jung, Brad Farlow and Steve Guerrero. They are expected to hit for average and drive in runs. "Ed is 6-foot-4 and 230 pounds," Johnson said. "Man, he can swing the bat."

Farlow brings a history of success from his high school. "He's good. I believe he holds all the hitting records at Crespi [High School]," Johnson said.

Guerrero is penciled in to hit fifth and Johnson said he knows how to hit.

Assistant Coach Dan Schumacher echoed Johnson's excitement. "We can hit the ball real well," Schumacher said. "They need a little experience and that comes with getting a few games under their belts."

Schumacher is pleased the team has a couple of players that give the young team a much needed level of leadership. "We have a couple who stand out," Schumacher said. "Guerrero is the kind of player who plays hard all the time, and sophomore catcher Mike Wertz leads by example. There's not a lazy bone in his body."

The season will flourish or fail based on what the players do in

the batter's box. After the Feb. 6 game, first baseman Ray Montenegro said, "Is this the kind of production we can expect? Oh yeah! No doubt about it. Even with our number three hitter out, we still put up 18 runs. We should put up 12 to 15 every game with our lineup."

Johnson said he tempers his enthusiasm with a cautious perspective based on his years of managing and the rather hard to swallow start to the season when Valley went 0-4 at the South Bay Classic Tournament.

"My perspective was good till that Saturday," Johnson said. "It was the toughest scenario we could have thrown these kids into. Most of these guys hadn't even played a doubleheader before. All the games were close, but we just didn't get it done."

Schumacher agreed with Johnson and reiterated that the youth of the team initially had an effect. "It's a different game at this level and they weren't quite ready," Schumacher said.

The players showed strength of character by keeping focused and confident after the South Bay tournament. "Nobody panicked," Montenegro said. "We focused

more on the process."

Second baseman and utility player Dylan Forman agreed with the sentiments of Montenegro. "This is a young club with a lot of freshman. Last week wasn't us," Forman said. "We dogfought some teams but just didn't get it done."

Johnson said he felt his team will fit into the top half of the conference standings as the year progresses. "I have confidence in these guys and how they all work very hard," Johnson said. "0-4 can 'adjust' some guys. They understand now it's going to be hard. I was proud of the way they responded."

Schumacher said he sees this season and into next year as a time for development and improvement and feels the team can expect the year to be a cycle of upward progress.

"I think, really, their better days are ahead," Schumacher said. "We have a team that can do some damage, especially with some more experience."

This season's team consists of 26 freshmen and five sophomores.

One concern that Johnson had during the initial weekend of ball

was solidifying the defense. "We made some adjustments," Johnson said. "We should be okay this week and from now on."

Regarding the ability of the team to manufacture runs by moving the runner along with a bunt, a sacrifice fly or by taking a pitch for a runner on base, Johnson said, "We don't do a lot of that. You're going to see us hit before we bunt. I don't like to give away outs, however, we like to run. Generally, we like to have an aggressive approach. Our three middle guys are good, so we give them a chance to hit."

Johnson is in his tenth year at Valley College. He was a coach at Cal State Northridge from 1980-85 and joined Valley as an assistant in 1986. He became head coach at Valley in 1988.

"I like working specifically with infielders and pitchers," Johnson said.

Schumacher is the Monarch's hitting coach and Darrell Handelsman runs their offense during the games.

Another assistant, Juan Velazquez, works with the pitchers. Velazquez returned to Valley from CSUN this year. "He's doing a great job," Johnson said.



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Freshman Pedro Rodriguez takes a chunk out of the ball, hitting a double.



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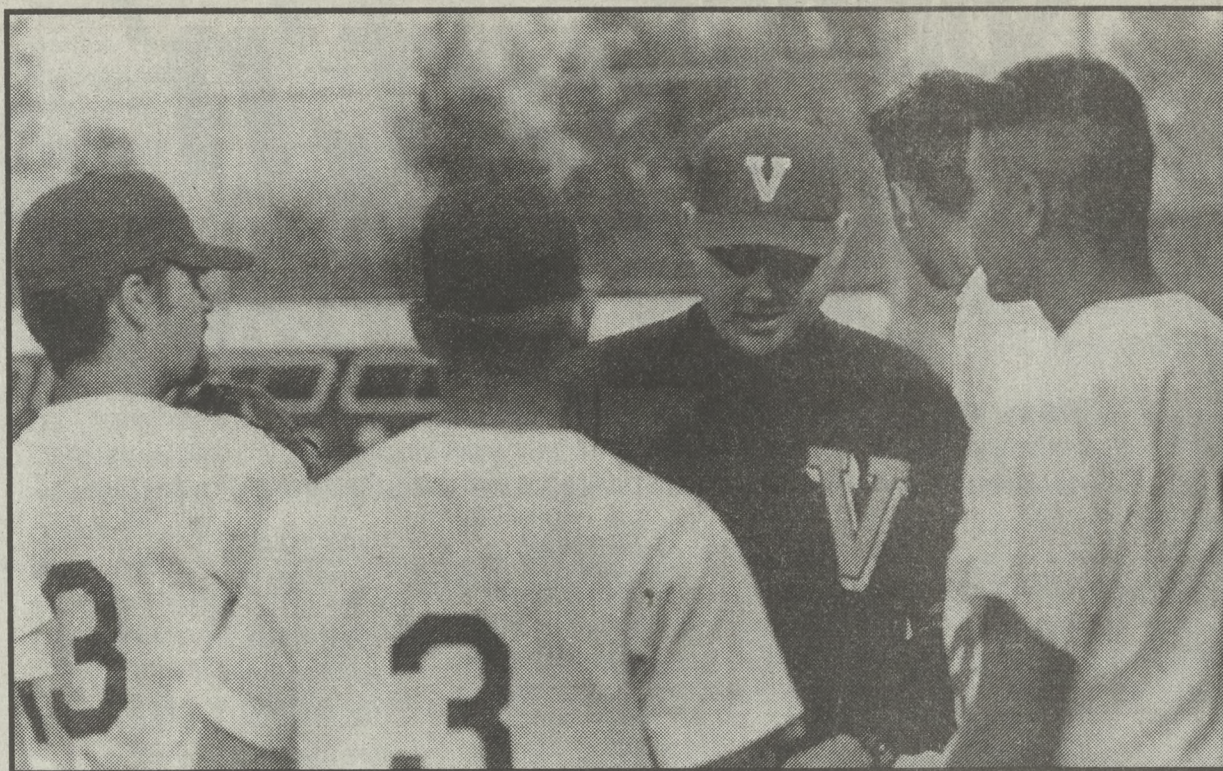
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Coach Chris Johnson gives a pep talk and a few words of advice to his team before they face off against Harbor.



Monarch's Baseball Off to a Slow Start

By BEN ALTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Valley baseball team suffered a crushing defeat at the hands of L.A. Harbor College by a score of 12-5.

The only excitement in the whole game came during the eighth inning when Harbor scored five runs.

Harbor's lead off batter in the inning hit a single, then continued to steal second base, followed quickly by stealing third base and eventually, he stole home.

Valley's best inning came in the sixth, when Valley managed to score two runs in the same inning. Up to that point, they had only managed one run in the first five innings.

Harbor was able to score at least one run in every inning except the first.

This loss came in the second game of the Western States Conference Tournament after winning the first game of the tournament 18-11 against East L.A. College.

"This guy knows about as much about baseball, as I know about rocket science," one fan said.

The third game of the tournament was against L.A. City College. Valley fared a little better in

this game, only losing by six with a final score of 11-5.

This game got off to a much better start as Valley was able to score four runs in the first four innings.

An amusing point in this game came in the first inning, when an outfielder and the first baseman for L.A. City collided going after a sacrifice fly ball by Abel Salazar scoring first baseman Ray Montenegro.

Valley was held to one run in the final three innings. Valley unfortunately gave up four runs in the fourth inning and also in the sixth inning.

The game was called after the seventh inning because of a rule that states a baseball game in a community college league will end after three hours or nine innings, whichever comes first.

The final game of the weekend was against Cerritos. This game ended in a 6-6 tie. Valley, to the disbelief of the crowd, was able to score three runs in the fifth inning.

These were the first runs of the game for the Monarchs. The inning started off with Cerritos' pitcher walking Valley's first two batters.

Pitcher Steve Riggs played a strong game. He allowed only five



James Hughes/Valley Star

The Monarch's show that their not afraid to get their uniforms a little bit dirty. As this player shows by sliding into third base to help out the team.

hits and was able to strike out three batters. After the first batter in the sixth inning, Riggs was replaced by another freshmen,

Ruben Lopez. Lopez struck out two people and allowed only one hit in the one and two-thirds innings that he pitched. After the seventh, he was replaced by Brandon Gray.

The team now has a record of 1-6-1.

The baseball team has thirteen home games and sixteen away games left this season, and more tournaments. The teams schedule for the season can be found in the Athletics office.

Forgetting this weekends disaster and the 0-4 weekend at the be-

ginning of the month, if Head Coach Chris Johnson can help the team overcome the lack of discipline and develop the talent on the team, this could shape up to be an exciting year of baseball.

So fans, get out to the park and cheer the Monarchs on to victory.

January Athletes of the Month



Name: Benny Hoang  
Grade Level: Sophomore  
High School: Eagle Rock

Accomplishments: Hoang is averaging 10.4 points and 5.7 assists per game as the team captain of this year's 17-9 Monarch Basketball team. Hoang had a career high game at Bakersfield when he scored 18 points, 15 of which came from 3-pointers.



Name: Kristen Kiley-Boyton  
Grade Level: Sophomore  
High School: Grant

Accomplishments: Kristen is averaging 10 rebounds and nine points per game. Kristen currently leads the team in steals. She also had a triple-double game in an 87-50 win against West L.A. College with a career high of 20 points, 14 rebounds and 10 steals.

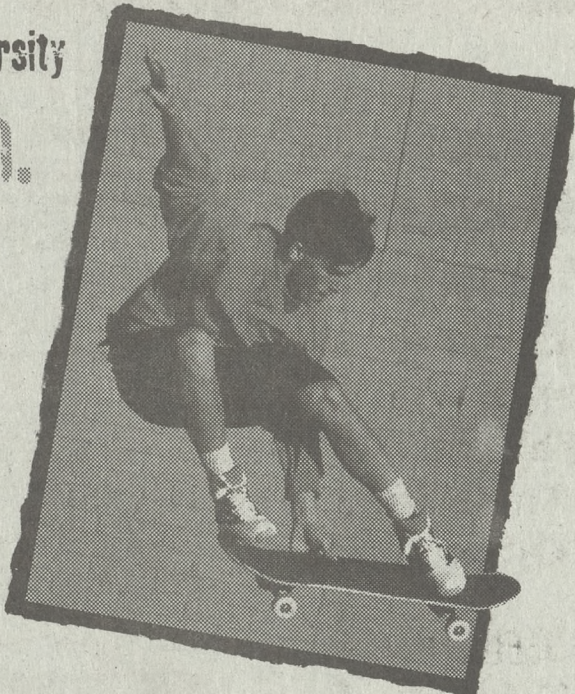
Valley College Baseball Schedule Through April 12

Date	Opponents	Time	Location
Feb. 18	Fullerton	2:00	Fullerton
Feb. 27	Canyons	2:30	Canyons
Mar. 1	Glendale	1:00	Valley
Mar. 4	Mission	2:30	Missions
Mar. 6	Bakersfield	2:30	Valley
Mar. 8	Pierce	1:00	Pierce
Mar. 11	Canyons	2:30	Valley
Mar. 13	Glendale	2:30	Glendale
Mar. 15	Mission	1:00	Valley
Mar. 18	Bakersfield	2:30	Bakersfield
Mar. 20	Pierce	2:30	Valley
Mar. 22	Cuesta	1:00	Cuesta
Mar. 27-28	Fullerton Tourn	TBA	Fullerton
Apr. 1	Oxnard	2:30	Valley
Apr. 3	Moorpark	2:30	Moorpark
Apr. 5	Santa Barbara	1:00	Valley
Apr. 8	Ventura	2:30	Ventura
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# OPINION

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## Valentine's Day: Stop the Insanity! Don't Make Us Sick!

By LIZ RODRIGUEZ  
and BEN ALTER  
STAR REPORTERS

Valentine's Day: What's the big debate about? Women think it should be about presents and men think it should be all about sexxxxx!

They're both completely wrong.

The original idea behind this crappie holiday was for people to express appreciation for their soul mates. In those days women would cook the man a nice romantic dinner, and men would pick a nice bouquet of flowers for their women. This was a nice inexpensive way to show love and affection.

NOT ANYMORE!!!!

Today, it is buy this or buy that. It is not even buy something simple. It's buy the most expensive, ridiculous, red thing or the biggest diamond you can find. Can't afford it? Well then, "You don't really love me." What about, "I want you to take me to dinner at Chez Lotsamoney."

Now, the more money you spend, the more you love the person you're dating. That is the most ridiculous thing we've ever heard of. The simple more personal things are the ones that show how much you care.

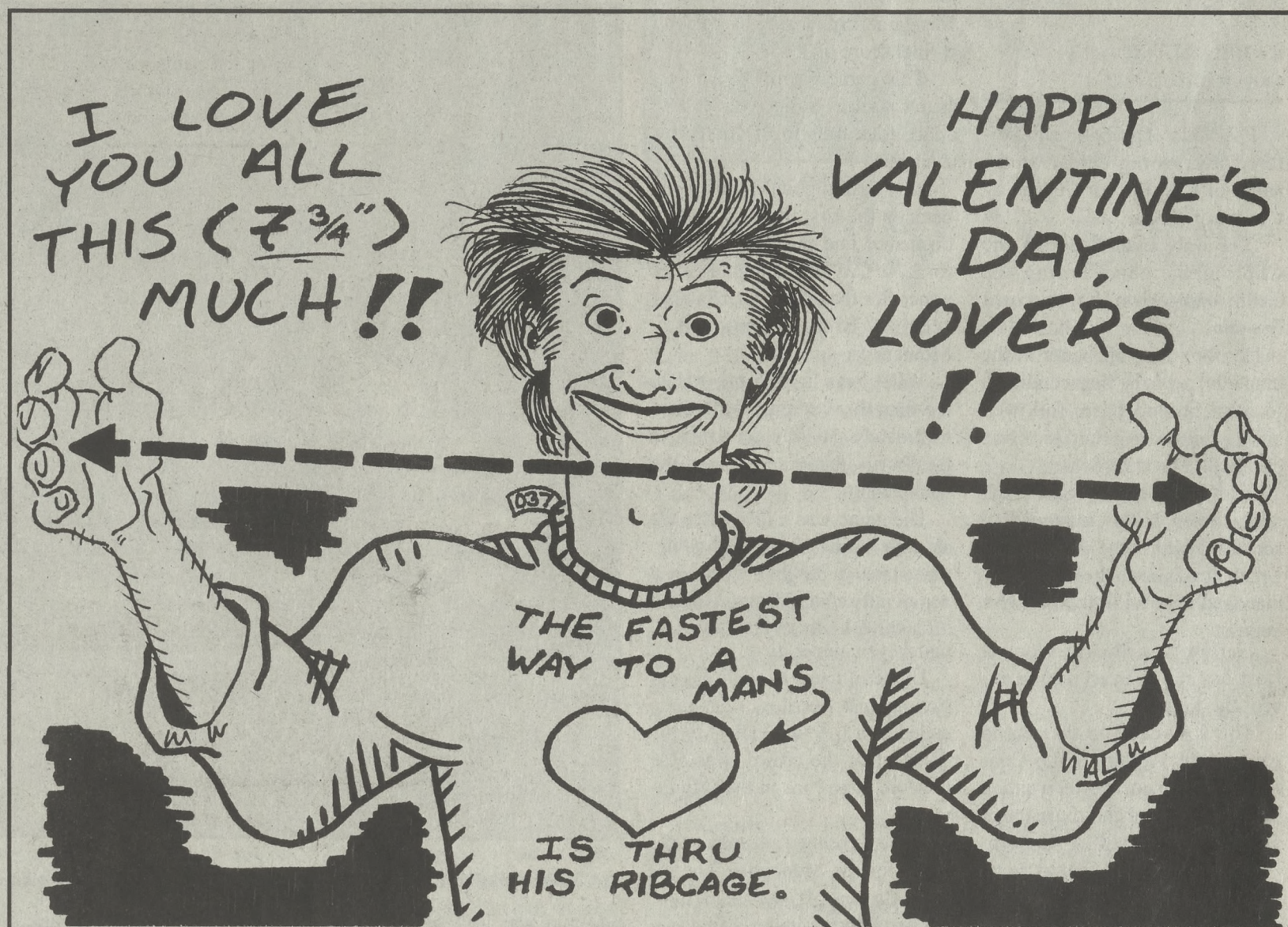
Besides that, if you truly care about someone, you should show it everyday of the year, not just one supposedly "special" day. Guys, cook your girlfriend a nice candlelight dinner and clean the house up a little. Girls, stop complaining so much. Wash the dishes at least once a year and maybe buy your boyfriend something nice, like some Velcro underwear.

It seems that the whole concept of Valentine's Day has become nothing more than a ploy for retailers to suck more money from people. Advertisements for V-Day go on display immediately after the Christmas decorations come down.

We're sick and tired of it. STOP THE INSANITY!!!!

Probably 50 percent of the people out there are alone on Valentine's Day, and they're sick and tired of the fact that they don't have someone to spend the holiday with rubbed in their face.

What's even worse, is having to stomach watching couples who seem to be joined at the hip make out on center stage. The girl's got her tongue halfway down his throat, and his entire arm has dis-



appeared up her dress. PEOPLE, GET A ROOM ALREADY!!!!

Then, you go around with the pressure of having to find a date for that day, just like New Year's. It doesn't matter who it is. Most

of the time you end up with some obnoxious jerk who only wants to get laid. How about some high maintenance skeezer who expects you to show up at the door with \$500 in gifts, for a first date.

So, this year, do the simple things and see if the person your with is there because they care about you or if they just want something. Learn from the example of your parents and grand-

parents, they had the right idea. Forget the commercialism and make the day about LOVE. Last, and most importantly, show some class and keep it private. Don't make the lonely people suffer.

## If I Wanted Your Opinion ...

This Week's Topic:  
Gay Marriages

By LEO SMITH  
STAR REPORTER

No matter how often I see it, the sight of two men kissing makes my colon clench.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not homophobic or anything, really. Being gay is not aberrant behavior, it is a perfectly legitimate lifestyle, as natural as heterosexuality. Still, I can't help what I feel. I don't choose to feel this way, so it must be genetic.

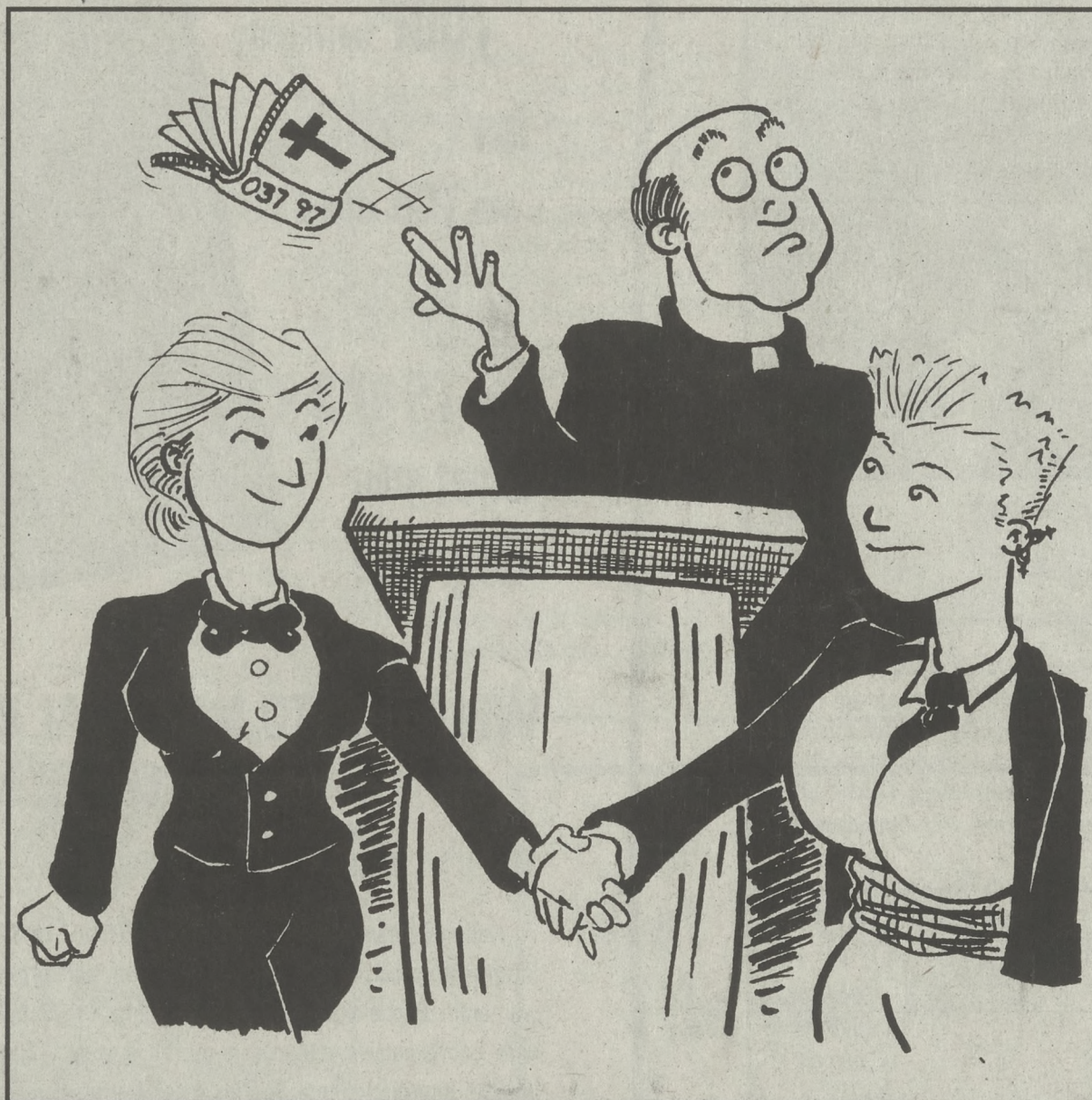
That having been said, logic follows that any feelings found among us breeders is also present in all other homosapiens. However, just because you love someone does not mean that you are entitled to marry them. There is neither a God-given nor constitutional right (and don't give me that "pursuit of happiness" crap) that allows anyone the inalienable right to marriage.

Don't anybody kid themselves, marriage has little to do with love. If it was enough to just love someone, marriage would be an empty superfluous act devoid of any reason, and no one would bother. Marriage exists solely for legitimizing children. This is universal throughout human culture.

By its very essence, homosexuality precludes the possibility of a union capable of bearing children unto itself and becomes, essentially, pointless.

Also, gay couples seem to feel discriminated against in being denied medical benefits and tax breaks that are available to straight married couples. They demand that they be allowed to marry so they can reap these same benefits.

However, the incentives



heaped upon the breeding betrothed pale next to the financial burden imposed by the inevitable onset of children. That is a burden alien to most gay couples, save for the few that opt to adopt.

As for all the others, they simply don't deserve them. Essentially their argument is over money and it all boils down to greed.

Finally, marriage is, and always has been, a religious institution, and religion is notoriously homophobic. The sanctity of marriage is reserved solely for a man and a woman. To accept homo-

sexual marriages is to set a precedent for legitimizing the marriage of other historically banned relationships such as polygamy and incest. I do not mean to draw any parallels between homosexual behavior and these other... things. But, if we accept gay unions, then a philosophic line will have been crossed and it will be harder, however slightly, to condemn these acts anymore.

Think: Why would it be wrong for a sister to marry a brother or for me to marry seven Mormon women as long as love is the only

prerequisite? Because incest and polygamy are illegal? So is sodomy. There has to come a time when we say no. Not all lifestyles are viable. Unions between anyone other than a man and a woman are unacceptable.

Personally, I think that men in general would rather part with their left testicle than be wrestled into marriage. So, why two men would ever entertain the idea of marriage is truly aberrant.

Next issue's topic: Hazing

## EDITORIAL: Juice It or Lose It

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Have you had your O.J. today?

Apparently, the major television networks have decided that we are all such addicts, that we must get our O.J. fix everyday, at whatever inappropriate moment.

When I tuned in my TV to watch the State of the Union Address last week, to my chagrin, I couldn't find it. I double-checked the TV guide, just to make sure I hadn't had some momentary lapse of sanity. "What day is this? What time is it?" I asked myself.

I clicked from channel to channel, hitting the major networks, and found nothing - nothing but O.J., that is.

Well, it was not even O.J. Simpson himself, just a still shot of him and a shamefully insignificant static video of his house.

I continuously surfed through the channels, just hoping a glimpse of the president of the United States would flash before me.

I finally landed on good-ole ABC, which at least had a split screen of that static video of O.J.'s house and the Capitol chambers. No other channel that I could find even bothered to show Washington, D.C. at all.

As I waited on the edge of my couch just knowing that as soon as the State of the Union proceedings began those responsible journalists at ABC would certainly switch over, I got one of the media shocks of my life.

The Vice President of the United

States was speaking at the State of the Union proceedings - and he was muted! Muted! Just to make sound wave room for the continuously idiotic local dribbling commentary about a car that O.J. might be riding in that was going down the street.

I was fortunate enough to get to try and lip read Gore's silent sync to: "The car is now making a right turn ..." Who are these idiots? Outrageous!

It would be one thing if the verdicts were coming down at that very moment, but they were not.

Apparently, ABC and the rest of those "responsible" top journalists out there deemed anything and everything connected to the Juice is more important than even the Vice President or Congress: O.J. walking to his car; O.J. sitting in his car; O.J. riding in his car; O.J. picking his nose. Maybe we can see O.J. through the window - the tinted window at night. O.J. ad nauseam.

It is, however, not entirely the fault of television news. After all, O.J. sells... and we buy it.

More importantly, it is a sad commentary on the mentality of this nation - that squeezing every last drop of blood out of the proverbial Rockingham stone is of the utmost importance to the average American, far and above the state of the union.

This is the reflection of a nation addicted to trite sensationalism and completely out of touch with anything that will actually affect their lives.

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